

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed activity in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**March 13, 2013 to April 9, 2013**

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing the proposed establishment of a safety zone in support of an air show in the Atlantic Ocean along Virginia Beach from May 31 through June 2, 2013 to determine whether the event would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Coast Guard

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Coast Guard intends to establish a safety zone for the USO Patriotic Festival and Oceanfront Air Show, scheduled to take place between 12 noon and 3:30 PM from May 31, 2013 through June 2, 2013. The safety zone, along the Atlantic Ocean in Virginia Beach, is bound by the following coordinates:

36-49-50 N/075-58-2 W;  
36-51-46 N/075-58-33 W;  
36-51-52 N/075-57-57 W; and  
36-49-56 N/075-57-26 W.

The sponsor, United Service Organization (USO), intends to place buoys to mark the race course. These will be temporary, and not for general navigation use. The Coast Guard will establish a safety zone in the table to 33 CFR Part 165, section 165.506(c).

The Coast Guard states that the proposed event is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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